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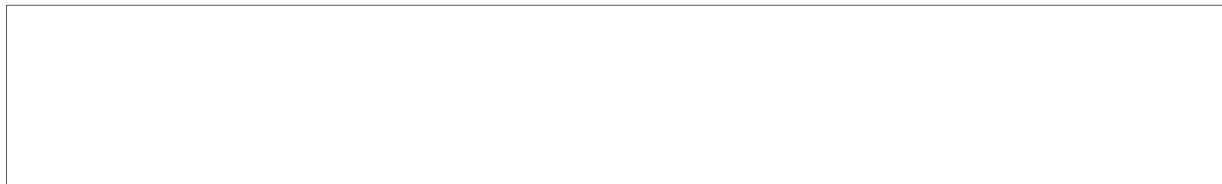
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SOUTH AFRICA: Trouble in Soweto

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[] *Soweto, the black South African township outside Johannesburg that has been plagued by outbreaks of violence for more than a year, is preparing for more trouble this weekend as moderate leaders plan a mass rally demanding home rule.*

[] A Committee of Ten, composed of some of Soweto's most respected leaders, is planning a mass rally for tomorrow to present a Blueprint for Soweto Self-Rule to the township residents. The South African government has already turned down a request for a meeting with Prime Minister Vorster on the issue, and even the deputy minister of Bantu affairs has indicated that he probably will not meet with delegates of the committee.

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[] The Soweto Blueprint apparently stems from the power vacuum left when the Urban Bantu Councils, the South African government advisory bodies for such townships as Soweto, were forced out of existence last month by student militants. The township of over 1 million has been virtually ungoverned since.

[] The government has no intention of allowing Soweto to become detribalized and, in keeping with its divide-and-rule policy, plans to replace the relatively innocuous Bantu Councils with ethnically based community councils to run local administrative affairs.

[] The Committee of Ten, feeling it has a mandate from Soweto residents, intends to press for the implementation of its plan calling for the creation of an autonomous city government with policymaking, management, and administrative powers and the authority to make its own laws and control its own budget.

[] The cost of creating such a modern city government would be borne mainly by the central South African government, although the plan stipulates that funding might come from other sources, such as the Organization of African Unity, international monetary funds, and governments of other countries.

[] It is unlikely that the South African government will give any serious consideration to the Blueprint and thus set a precedent for all of the ethnically diverse non-white townships in the country, but several Africans, either on the committee or close to it, have told the US Consul General in Johannesburg that they will not retreat from the principle of immediate self-rule. The government, they feel, will have to accept responsibility for the consequences if it rejects the plan.

[] These consequences, it was clearly implied, would include continued tension in the township with perhaps an escalation of crowd action and even terrorism. The Committee of Ten appears to have enough widespread backing in Soweto that estimates of renewed demonstrations and violence if its program is rejected may be accurate.

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[redacted] Tomorrow's mass rally will be held against the backdrop of continuing student protest. Yesterday a student was shot and killed when pupils in a Soweto high school stoned police using dogs to break up a group of students who had gathered to join the school boycott, which began near Pretoria six days ago and spread to other black townships in the area. About 200 students have been arrested, and most students have returned to class-- although sporadic unrest continues. [redacted]

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TURKEY: Government Domestic Programs

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The program of Turkish prime minister-designate Demirel's coalition, which he introduced in the National Assembly and Senate on Wednesday, emphasizes domestic issues and reflects the Islamic conservatism of National Salvation Party leader Erbakan, a member of the coalition. The program offers no new proposals for a Cyprus settlement and its foreign policy pronouncements focus primarily on the need to bolster ties with bordering states. The coalition is expected to win the vote of confidence scheduled for next week.

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In presenting the program to the National Assembly, Demirel stressed Turkey's need to develop its industrial base, build its defense industry, reduce its dependence upon imports, and expand its industrial exports. The poor state of the economy forced Demirel's previous coalition government to seek foreign credits in order to avoid a severe balance-of-payments crisis.

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Demirel also emphasized the need to eliminate internal violence, much of which he blamed upon foreign influences, particularly communism, and called for increased security measures. In an obvious concession to Erbakan, Demirel spoke of the need for greater recognition of Islam's importance and called for classes in morality taught by religiously oriented instructors. The coalition's departure from strict secularism is likely to disturb many liberal members of the Turkish military, intelligentsia, and bureaucracy.

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[] The foreign policy section of the program describes Turkey's need to deepen and expand relations with its neighbors, particularly the USSR, some Balkan countries, and Muslim states. With regard to Cyprus, it goes no further than reiterating the hope that the problem there can be resolved amicably between the Turkish and Greek Cypriots and emphasizing that the Turkish Cypriots must not lose their rights.

[] Turkish-US relations are characterized as beneficial for both parties, and any improvement in these relations is left to changes in US attitudes. []

USSR: High-Bypass Aircraft Engines

[] *//The USSR has renewed discussions with General Electric to purchase 10 to 12 CF-6 advanced turbofan engines. The Soviets may be considering them for use in a new long-range variant of the IL-86 airbus or the technology could be used for a long-range military aircraft. The engines are nearly 70 percent more powerful and 20 percent more fuel-efficient than the largest Soviet subsonic engine.//*

[] *//The IL-86 is a four-engine, wide-body aircraft designed to carry up to 350 passengers. The long-range variant will have a larger wing and a range of 9,000 to 9,500 kilometers--more than twice that of the IL-86. The CF-6 has more power than needed for a plane of this size, and the Soviets probably plan to use a model with lower thrust or to increase the plane's gross weight and capacity.//*

[] *//The Soviets also may be considering CF-6 technology for use in a large strategic transport that some evidence suggests they are now developing. Another possible application would be a long-range bomber.//*

[] *//The Soviets have been trying for several years to acquire engines of this type and related manufacturing techniques from the West. Negotiations with Rolls-Royce for a similar engine recently broke down because the Soviets refused to purchase enough engines to make the deal attractive to Rolls-Royce. The Soviets may have never intended to purchase engines, but only to obtain information on manufacturing technology from Rolls-Royce. If this was the case, they may plan to use the same strategy with General Electric.* []

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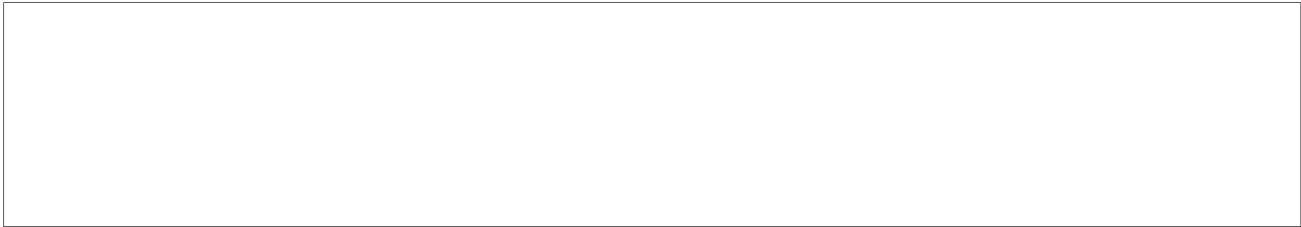
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Rhodesia-Cuba

[REDACTED] Rhodesian nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo arrived in Havana Thursday in response to an invitation from the Cuban Communist Party. Nkomo probably regards the trip as a means of maintaining pressure on the UK and the US to arrange a Rhodesian settlement. He is planning a trip to the US next month.

[REDACTED] The Cubans are interested in expanding their influence in the Rhodesian situation and may offer Nkomo military assistance. We have no reason to believe, however, that Nkomo feels the need to accept anything beyond political support and perhaps some small arms and modest Cuban training assistance for his guerrillas in Zambia. [REDACTED]

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Netherlands

[REDACTED] Caretaker Prime Minister den Uyl of the Netherlands has again agreed to try to form a coalition government. During the past two weeks, with the help of Dutch statesman Dr. Willem Albeda, a compromise has been worked out on the contentious issue of sharing excess profits, the cause of the previous deadlock.

[REDACTED] Den Uyl, leader of the Labor Party, will now resume negotiations with the Christian Democratic Appeal and the Democrats '66 Party in what promises to be a lengthy bargaining session over the programs of the next government. [REDACTED]

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